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Subject: Syrian Refusal for AHC  
Meeting in Syria

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1. At the beginning of February, Hajj Amin al-HUSAYNI, the ex-Mufti, sent instructions to the AHC in Damascus to make arrangements to hold a general AHC conference in Syria.
2. The head of the AHC in Damascus, Rafiq TAJINI, put out feelers to Syrian government officials about the possibilities of holding this conference in Damascus. TAJINI learned that the Syrian government would not allow the AHC to hold a conference in Syria. Accordingly, the ex-Mufti was so informed and arrangements were made to hold the AHC meetings in Beirut.
3. The ex-Mufti sent money to Emile GHURI, head of the AHC in Beirut, to make the necessary arrangements for the conference to be held in Beirut.
4. The ex-Mufti's main purpose in having an AHC conference is to make plans which would prevent the implementation by Arab governments of any plans that the UN might have for the settlement of the Arab refugees.

Field Comment:

In spite of this report, it seems unlikely to us that the ex-Mufti wanted the AHC conference to be held in Damascus.

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